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RE:

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Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - ICLS

Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that Northern Telephone Cooperative, Inc. will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support – ICLS only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area(s) listed below.

Company Name

State

Study Area Code

Northern Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Montana

48 2248

Sincerely,

[Signature of Authorized Representative]

Date MAT 12 2003

WAMNE L. VICK

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[Title of Authorized Representative]

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